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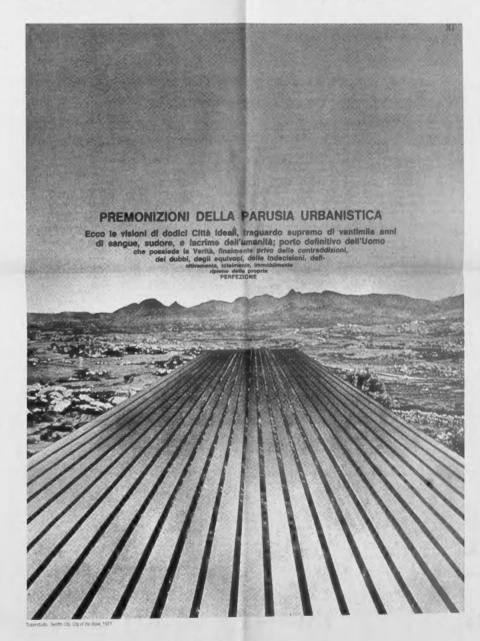
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## First City

level, so that the relative neight of the building varies in north (or if this is an external wall, the wall facing weist) Against the opposite wall is a seat capable of moulding perfectly to the truman body, even of enclosing it comand all apparatus withdraw and, the wall reforms. The

the top of the building, beneath a continuous semi-cylindrical desires of each individual, programming the life of the entire city moment by moment. All citizens are in a state

of perfect equality. Death no longer exists. Sometimes some unworthy is rejected. The ceiling panel descends with a

the individuals living in cess within a distance of a quarter of a league from the empty cell double an ovum or a into a uterus, protecting the new son of the city for nane



### Temporal Cochlea-City

its lower extremity, facing the centre of the earth, consists of an exceeding appearable. In land of turbrine, with bladdes that, in revolving, crushes root, forcing all matter fowards the centre of the cylinder and through a duct up to the ground. Above the furbine is the propulsion apparatus,

city by means of an automatic building-site- placed like a

The city is composed of living-cells arranged in a doubte

opening, a door giving on to the circular roadway; the needs are hidden in the ceiling and are tele-controlled The entire city is climatized at a constant 25°C with 60%. humidity. Each cell is constantly lit to an intensity of 150 km; the roads are illuminated to an intensity of 500 km; that of the roads also contains small quantities of ultra-

The cells have no system for closing or screening

need. They are absolutely free to act and organize their the only restriction is that they cannot go outside the city. because the upper ends of the circular roads are closed

after automatically. Only in this phase is the door of the cell sealed by a steel panel. For four years the child remains in his cell, during which time he learns the ethics and working of his city. Thereafter the metal door slides away and disappears forever into the wall.

Materials used for building the city remain unaffered to general equipment of the city are an exception.

The introdutents around a lot of time in the made poor into the last four deserted and silent spirats, where the

penetrate the mystery of the outside world. But it is rare Right and the heat, into the spirals scattered with detribus.



New York of Brains

where Central Park once was at about 81st St., there stands the city. When the others realized that the explosion length, width and height of 180 ft., covered in guartz to widen, and at the same time the cables and pirelines. likes measuring 10 a 10 in, in each of which there is a lens 9 in in diameter This covering condenses light into the photosersitive layer behind, which transforms it into the energy necessary for the functioning of the city. The cube is uniformly filled with 10 in cubic containers,

of the cell waits are the pipes through which the liquid is renewerd. Systems of electrodes inserted in various coints.

and height 33 ft. 3 in. its floor is at the same ground

mostly occupied by the regenerating and litter apparatus for the brain liquids, the filter process is particularly process of necronic and ageing

10,000,456 brains live in the pay; in the dan fed light of exturnal perception, they can sublimate their thoughts for as long as the life of the sun, free to reach the supreme goals of weatern and madreen, perhaps to mach stisslete knowledge.



Spaceship City

a precise route towards a planet thousands of light-years. away is also a city.

This spacestyp is a huge red wheel 5?? In damps central nucleus III m. illumeter, contains a corrector programmed at the time of departure, to guide the ship, the propulsion apparatus, and all the equipment in for the We of the spaceship and the crew

The external ring is divided into 80 sections of taig cities each, one above the other. In each cable sleeps one of the 156 mumbers of the crow, in the upper cable a man as the lower a woman. The system of cabes rotate

Members of the crew sleep from birth to death, exwhich regulate their existence. Their brains are connected by electrodes to a "dream generator" which contents tops recordings of two complementary lives, as they move which pair of cabin turns through the tape which at the point of attachment of one end of the cylindrical

As a pair of cabine passes the 79th sector, and the But before dying of asphysia, the bassenger dies of

conduit is attached. The dream stimulates the sep of uterutes" expand to receive the two fertilized owars, the manable or review or representations. It is represented by the control of the con

towards its goal, with its load of sleepers with happy dreams, until it reaches the New Land where the awakened new Cape Town

And they will be happy



### City of the Hemispheres

green hills. On braning it, one resides that it is made up of the covers of 10,044,500 crystallive raccopting, 185 cm. to a purifying and regenerative apparatus which, through toxin nilminution and disses of hormones, prevents againg. A sense of electrodes applied to the transum control are ground there's to a propulsion system which emits no gas and no notes, and has an universited life. One might there that the hundreds of thousands of hemisphores. that continually crowd the air and are suspended over

the city or its surroundings are moved by teleplinesis. The flat surface of the hemisphere contains its sensory organic sight; hearing, teste, small touch. The sensations of the individual commanding the hemophere.

times, especially on sunny days, many hemispheres can be seen unded in couples: this is, the position of "sublime



and Fabulous City

The on-lies beneath an enormous red and blue strined

aerostats and the thousands of cables anchoring its perimeter to the earth, has a diameter of 2 miles, 205 enclosed a city built on a scale five times smaller than

tess than \$900 (if you haven't got it, you can get a loan card which contains all information on you and your visit: you are then channeled along with other visitors based to the computer, and after arriving at a "choice point" you insert your "key" in a solt, then you see the red light in Mont of you change to preen and can explain to the "brain" who you would like to be if you want a famous, person living or dead, you unit mention the name. We toge your "Hero" is on the list of 100,000 famous people. available, otherwise, you must make another choice on the screen in front of you, you will see the photograph of the person chosen it available; the ward "absent" it it cit'll on the loct, and the word "engaged" if it is in use at ask for historical characters: the list only includes persons. enassuming and prefer an ordinary person, just tell the "train" what kind of person and his picture will immediately 90 seconds, the rails above you will bring a space-suit begins on the space-suit. The floor you are standing on will disappear through a dispirager system and you will find yourself on a circular plate with a diameter 2 you. It iff. 5 in. This plate is covered with a layer of small steel. the spits if you know how. While you are observed these

the clameter of the plate. At this point it is better to close

your eyes for a few seconds to avoid dizziness. When

directly to your nervous centres.

Remember you can do whatever you want, but any demadeto you during your "journey". He knows which is his car. by source, his wife or girl-friend, he can find his way in the city streets, etc. In the right-hand pocket of your packet, or in your handbag if you are a woman, you have à loaded pistoi (il you have chosen to be a detective or a killer, you know very well that your plotd is under your with a bit of fucil, will cost you only \$300). Watch out: defence, but don't forget that killing for self-defence doesn't exempt you from refunding damages, so if you organized according to the type of wound received. earliest age they are inculcated with the concept that, everyone's greatest desire must always be a new house.

then all the medical and logal formalities belong phono-around you just like in near like, and reen at last, you will be that like is selected to the property of the new house, the bothmail providers, the rever-tion music. The moment the coffin lid cross you purify.

What could be more boronships and reasonance than the comes to an end irrespective of the time paid for the

This explanation of cases of violent death is lengthy. because these are the cause of most of the complaints. Attinulating than the continual rivally between all pitches. and understand arguments with our clearly. These are the clear of the game and superior wish decides to tays best advantability broogst them. Statisting we went that much bitter lack during pur pumps, Periorities year. can do anything you want, nothing is forbidden. Have you dougld be happier than when you enter your new home. ever worded to make love to Brighte Bandor? To strip fathous people are wandering around the city. Sees them above, with its great black head, pluried with the prince out, rush them in the middle of the-mail no-one will your pistol with you. That's all, Don't waste any time,



#### Seventh City Continuous Production Conveyor Belt City

through valleys and hids, from the mountains to the assistore, generation after generation. The head of the city is the Grand Factory, four miles

act within the city according to your imputes. The remarkors of vision, smell, hearing and touch and taste perceived by its electronic detaction; will be faithfully transmitted wide, like the oily it continuously produces 100 yas high. the Grand Factory exploits the land and the underground. of the city. The Grand Factory devours shreds of useless nature and unformed minerals at its front end and emits sections of completely formed city, ready for use from its back end. The Grand Factory moves forward at a speed of 1 ft 2 \_ in per hour. The plan of the city is based on is chequerboard of roads perpendicular and parallel to the Grand Factory; the roads separate square blocks. 261 x 261 yards, and are 29 yards wide. The perpendicular have called walls, the distance between the five concerns airs of the city adding the letter L or R to the number according to whether it is on the left or the right of the axis; the parallel roads however are called by the name of the month and year of their construction. The Grand

Factory produces a servisio of blooks (including this segments of perpendicular roads between them in 27 days and structure furnishes a hold for cimbing; the females road next to them in 3 days. Including the strips between levels have no parapet, in The greatest aspiration of every citzen is to move more produced are continually modernized and equipped with the yet more persect contributes say as Administrative Council invents for the yor of the claires. The Great Fartilles move monthly into the houses just built, following the mythm of the Grand Factory: The other critices, do their best and only those with little willpower and the Laced wall for the years before monitor fouces. Lacidly it intoduced into the opening it cause, When it ne come is an acroposable to live in the same house for more than four years after an construction, after this period, objects. accetacries and the structure of the housen themselves decay, become unusuble and soon after collapse. Drily the city leaves behind it. It is in order to prevent the citizens being reduced to such a desperate state that from their

run to the hospital in the ambulance with its sizes waiting. and if in for this reason that the newspapers, TV and all the for stone but the sense of quit derived from the

speciate of the families that daily drive on the perpendicular roads in the life yellow busis put at their disposal by the Administrative Council, in the direction of the Chand Faction, towards their new houses? What could be more estates, and stretches of vilas with gardens at the

Look at the perfect city that produces more goods for upoful means of climbing instinally institutions with forelies.



Flahth City **Conical Terraced City** 

The city races in the midst of a great plans, surfaceded by that the total height is 4000 ft., while the districtor of the lowest level is 16,000 it.

to the removatorests and of such basis are more 2 x 2 %

wold is 16 ft. The maximum distance between the two radial walls and the height of the room is 7 \_ ft. in the radial walls, there are doors measuring 2 x 7 ft. which is built of a white, vitrosus, imperioristic ceramic.

The inhabitants live in the marking endirectly drapped each room, in the centre of the wall facing the outside gloor, there are two circular openings, the lower 2 ft. which intersect, unite and divide according to the

The "co-ordinator" transmits orders through brain on which its owner lives, it's not possible to transmit. inteclines to the inhabitants of levels yet further down.

inhabitants farm the land work and manufacture objects

to satisfy the demands of the inhabitants of the upper their heads into the openings giving on to the central space receive through their "co-ordinatos", a programme orders anything, never needs phything. It is said that the

who want to take them along, are at a disadventage: The inhabitants of the highest levels, who have very few orders, and espicially those on the very highest, who cupota which apparently has no opening of all.

to tell the others about it. The incut mysterious question



### Ville-Machine Habitee

The city is a machine, such a large machine that not even its intachtants know its size. Its populates, its rows of gee-nechanisms, conveyor belts, connecting-rods, stretch away out of sight effectively way one looks, in the den half-light, grey and loggy, which fills the cavern it accurates, and those walls have never been seen.

they know very well that if they get off the obligatory routes established by the machine, they will inevitably be

of energy and matter brought in by the light, air and

#### Tonth City City of Order

This only has, apparently, nothing strange about it, it has

Now, 45 years later, thungs are starting to go reary well the citizens that jump the lights, clamage oilly property, complain about the unpurchasity of the busis of the sars of water at the times it is most needed, siz, are ever fewer. Actually, as soon as a citizen commits some infraction, or companies about something to the public authorities, he is not oursided or restructed that his

When this citizen returns home he is much changed: precise, loyal to the regulations, cave, always smiling, hir.

Every so often, there is a serious accident, one may see then that the model critisms have a complex ministurized mechanism in their heads and lots of little expanded. polyester balls instead of their insides, under the bands of muscles in their chief and abdomen. No one knows much about this because everyone who

who were old, have all died during these 45 years, the The mayor is very pleased with the way things are going.

he is now beginning to have great architoris for his city, he is sure everyone will agree.



#### Eleventh City City of Splendid Houses

it contains in itself everything that piouses its inhabitants. it is certainly the most brauthal city in the world, because at its inhabitants, at every moment of their existence, move

is, it grants every family roucleus the same amount of space for building a house to fact, the city consists of a network of parallel roads 10m, wide, which form 6m2 blocks, each of these 6 m2 blocks is occupied by a single family house. The limitation of the space available for each house has the purpose of obliging citizens to disdicate all their efforts to the estretic envictment of the outside of their homes, avoiding any temptations of comfort and of the yearning that should incessantly move the obsens the mineral sats of the earth it looks after its inhabitants — with a ceiling lamp in the missie for lighting. The foor is in readded plantic with a healing plaque at the centre, the Farmer's from the Book leader baccome surplus. Any residue, anything that dies. 6 but there are no other objects in the room. On the wall in

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rgulations to be found in the Book. The ethics of the Above the table on the electric light particle and in the Book are those of Christianity plus legislative an that had before prevented their free development. All ottoms are free to live in the both or in the dark, or to move floor are shops and offices. \* Note to p.29. The sidewalks of the longitudinal tunnels regulations to be found in the Book.

> test. And as always here are the results of the test. Of the twelve cities whose descriptions have you read, how many would you like to come true? Have you left that they-might be

☐ Temporal Cochlea-City

City of the Hemispheres

☐ Barnum Jr.'s Magnificen

Ville-Machine Habitee

City of Splendid Houses

☐ City of Order

☐ City of the Book

Conveyor Belt City

2.000-Ton City



HU C ☐ Spaceship City Twelfth City

City of the Book their reduces the spirit of the city. Left-hand pages, the years norms, right-hand pages, modes of behaviour on

The city consists of a simes of parallel buildings 10m. high 30 wide and 10 km long with a distance of 3 wide Broubish, and the length of the building. Every St the elemnal streets are occupied by single, identical house with a central corridor and rooms to right and the left band page (ethicu can be read only by outs) light, and the right hand page (buttavious) only in the days, with intra-red light. The ethics of the Book are prevented their time development.

All closes are tree to the in the light, or in the dark, or tount in the Sock.

cities test.

More than nine:

any rate you are suited to be one. The logic and the mechanism of the system are perfected within you. Inc. heli, horror surrounds you. You are not a human being

and thus fire from Inction, you burn smoothly purfect

#### From three to six:

You are a stave, a succubus. You have listed your doubt yard. You are nothing: a poor, creaving "robot"

### From one to three:

You are a worm. You have got the idea and you stor! the dispusting thing about you is that you'd faz to be

#### You didn't want any of the cities to come true?

So, you feet self-satisfied, but you shouldn't because you haven't caught on you haven't understood that the coumptions represent your city, all cities now, is it possible acong it ever learns their goal and the "developing countries" are following close. You are an idloc, Did you understand the game from the beginning; Chef if you understand the game from the beginning; call you for understand the failure from the peginning; call you foul floor to be sayed. From the horror of us and our surrounding. eveilation" could spring Ascend, then up to the Old and finally, purified with water and inceres, you can proper